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TRAINING AND MANEUVERS

A. GERRISON TRAINING

l. Training Phases

The annual training in the 68th 6ds Med Tk Regt was divided into five phases as follows: (These phases were supposed to repeat each year in the same manner.)

Winter - 1 Dec to 1 Apr - in garrison

Inspection - 1 to 10 Apr - in garrison

Summer - 15 Apr to 30 Sep - in training camp

Inspection - 1 to 10 Oct - in training camp

Maintenance - 15 Oct to 1 Dec and preparation of equipment

The winter training phase was conducted on plateen and company level. In 1953, summer phase progressed up to company level and was to proceed to battalion and regimental or divisional level. On 17 Jun 53, because of the riots, it was halted, and the 68th moved into garrison in RAD FREIEN-WALDE (5246N-1403E). After a four week stay there, the regiment continued to BERLIN. In BERLIN, training was resumed, but it did not go above company level because of a lack of training space. Normally, however, training went up to regimental/divisional level and culminated in a five-te 10-day army or corps maneuver in September or October. Training started in December of each year at plateon level. Becember was the month when new replacements arrived in the various units. Training cycles are described in par 3, below.

2. Range Firing

In the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt, range firing of 85-mm tank guns took place in February. Two men from each tank crew were sent to the Camp HAMMELSPRING training area 10 km southeast of TEMPLIN (5307N-1330E) (see Encl 1) to fire the 85-mm tank gun.

to the TEMPLIN area for target practice and had no details on the type of firing conducted there.

Another range firing exercise for the \$8th was planned to take place in Jul 53, but due to the emergency caused by the riots, it never occurred.

While with the 68th, in the area south of BAD FREIENGIDE. (See Encl. 2) This was six-round subcaliber firing from a 45-mm AT con placed in an 85-mm barrel. To accomplish this, the gun area was turned

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180 degrees (back of driver's seat) and elevated about 25 degrees. The 45-mm parrel was then placed in the 85-mm barrel through the emergency exit near the driver's seat. Source did not know exactly how the firing mechanism was fixed to take 45-mm about 8

he stated that the 45-mm gun barrel was clamped to the breechlock of the 35-mm gun in such a way that it permitted recoil. The recoil of the subcaliber device was two centimeters. The 45-mm parrel was fastened with two rings inside the 85-mm barrel, preventing damage to the rifling of the 85-mm gun.

The long range of 85-mm rounds required the use of special firing ranges such as those at the TEMPLIN or Lieberose training areas. By substituting the 45-mm round, the gun could be fired in an area adjacent to the garrison. (See Encl B.)

The 45-mm rounds did not travel more than two to three kilometers and were accurate only up to $1\frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{1}{8}$ km.

at 800 meters and missed on all six tries.

He never participated in any Cala company-level problems, bivouses, or attacks on fortifications.

3. Training Schedule

From Monday to Friday training was conducted according to the following schedule:

Reveille	0600
Physical Training	0610 - 0630
Personal Hygiene	0630 - 0645
Inspection	0645 - 0700
Breakfast	0700 - 0730
Fraining*	Q800 - 1400
Dinner	1400 - 1430
Tank maintenance	1430 - 1600
Cleaning of personal weapon	1600 - 1630
Compulsory sleep	1630 - 1800
Political debates or	1800 - 2030

^{*} Weekly training consisted of four hours of political erientation, about 12 hours of tank, gun, and small-arms nomenclature, five to 10 hours of siming or firing, about five hours of class-order drill, and one hour of various lectures hours of class-order drill, and one hour of various lectures on medical, chemical, signal communications, or engineering subjects.

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Supper

2030 - 2100

Free time

Inspection

2100 - 2230

(Reading, cleaning

equipment, sewing, etc)

2230 - 2245

Taps

2300

Saturday was "Tank and vehicle inspection day." From 0800 to 1400, the EM of 68th cleaned the vehicles and tanks and were inspected by the company and/or the battalien CO. Sunday was free of training, but there were compulsory sports for EM.

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obstacle course

consisted of:

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climbing a wooden bunker 21-m high, crawling under barbed wire, jumping over three hurdles, each about 1-m high, throwing two dummy handgrenades into the windows of a mock-up house 15 to 20 m distant, jumping over ditches la-and 22-m wide, and walking atop a log placed over a ditch.

4. Training Within Unit

Training within the unit was given by officers as follows:

Political training was conducted by the company political officer or, in his absence, by the platoon leader.

The plateon leader conducted training in PT, closeorder drill, gunnery, nomenclature, instruction on parts of tank and of weapons, and basic engineer training, such as explanation of various AT and AP mines and construction of tank ditches, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 1-3/4$ m.

The battalion chemical warfare NCO or regimental chemical warfare officer gave lectures on gases and gas protection.

The battalion medical NCO gave first aid lectures.

The battalion signal officer gave lectures on communications.

The company technical officer (zampotekh - deputy to the CO for technical matters) conducted training on the tank engine and tank electrical system.

5. Training Inspections

The company CO inspected daily all training activities of his platoons. Twice weekly the battalion CO inspected the training. Twice annually, once in April and once in October, officers from Army or from GOFG conducted an inspection on political orientation, physical fitness, gunnery, close-order drill, technical efficiency, and personal neatness.

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	6. Training Deficiencies
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	a rotating chain or flail in front
	in which it would be employed.
	defense tanks would be used as dug-in tanks and in ambush roles.
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	See Encl C for information regarding formations
	used by a company of 10 tanks.
	In the buildup of attack forces, armor was assembled two to five kilometers behind the line of departure. Under all circumstances, tanks had to be at the line of departure before the infantry jumped off. Soviet theory then
	* The paragraphs under this topic also answer part IV of Soviet Brief #10.
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called for the armored units to move to the forward assembly area during darkness and just before the attack. The forward assembly area was located two to three kilometers from the enemy MIR. Tanks left it immediately after the cessation of artillery fire.

The infantry CO was in complete command of the armor attached for support.

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support tanks did not aid the infantry by stationary
fire from the tank jump-off position, but they instead
advanced ahead of the ground troops. During their advance,
tanks were to fire on enemy personnel, tanks, SP guns,
vehicles, pill boxes, bunkers, and fortifications. Only direct
firing was employed, with armor-piercing shells fired at enemy
armor or strong points and fragmentation shells at enemy personnel.

radio transceiver.

ments between individual tanks were controlled by radio. There were no telephones on the exteriors of tanks for communication. When radios failed, crews had red and white (or sometimes yellow) hand flags for signal purposes. The red flag was always held in the right hand, the white (or yellow) always in the left. Hand signals

- (1) Attention Raise red flag
- (2) Forward Raise red flag and drop sharply to level of eyes
- (3) Attack Raise both flags and drop sharply several times to level of eyes
 - (4) Halt Raise red flag and drop it
- (5) Start motors Perform large circle (wide area) in front with red flag
- (6) Cut motor At waist-level, cross flags one above other several times
- (7) Right Raise red flag and point with white flag to the right
- (8) Left Raise red flag and point with white flag to the left
- (9) About face Both flags in right hand and make circle over head
 - (10) Gas Cover head with white flag in left hand
- (11) Enemy tanks Both flags in right hand, red to the right, white to the left, form T with arm as stem of T, and hold over head

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(12) Planes - Raise both arms with flags to the side and flop arms up and down several times, imitating flight of birds

An individual tank crew was permitted to use its initiative on the battlefield only if both radio and hand flag communication failed. Leeway of initiative allowed to the platoon or company was not known

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for one T-34/85 tank:

- (1) For each of four revolvers, 14 rounds
- (2) For the one PPSh SMG, 300 rounds
- (3) For each of the two MGs (Degtyarev tank-type), 1120 rounds of which 672 rounds (three out of five) were regular rounds, 224 (one out of five) were incendiary, and 224 were tracers.
- (4) For the 85-mm gun, 55 shells namely 30 fragmentation-high explosive (oskolochnyye) with KTM-1 fuses, 20 armor-piercing-tracers (brone boynyye trasiruyushchiye) with MD-7 and MD-8 fuses, and five HVAP shells with tungstem cores (Podkalibernyy).
 - (5) 20 hand grenades, Model F-1
 - (6) Rocket flare gun, with 40 flares
 - (7) About 560 liters of Diesel fuel

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Tank engines were cleaned and overhauled after a specified number of operating hours. The Tk Tech Co (RTO - Rota tekhnicheskoo obespecheniya) subordinate to a tank regiment, did all maintenance and repair work. The tank crew usually cleaned the 85-mm gun twice annually (each time the gun was actually fired). The MGs were removed and cleaned by the tank crew every 10 days. Minor ordnance and tank repairs were also performed by the crew.

b. Political training for combat

Political training to prepare troops for combat consisted of instilling a hatred of Americans by describing them as warmongers and exploiters of working classes. Soviet troops were told that US troops in Germany beat the German population and that colored people were physically mistreated in the USA.

e. Chemical warfare

The battalion chemical NCO conducted about one chemical warfare class per week. Gases discussed were Tprite (Mustard), Lewisite, Tabun, and others

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taught the color, odor, persistency, and

as shown on figure 198, DA Pamphlet 30-50-1, "Handbook en

Soviet and Satellite Armies, " dated Mar 53.

gas chamber

Ten men were admitted at a time; some removed their masks, others did not. The instructor, a senier lightenant, who was the chemical officer of the 68th Gds Med The Regt, instructed the men who removed their masks not to breathe or open their eyes. Those who opened their eyes had teems in them. After the exercise the men cleaned their gas masks with soap and water.

The average time to don a gas mask was 10 seconds.

During the lectures, ing chemical warfare equipment:

follow-

Smoke pot YAD-11 see figure 114, DA Pamphlet

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Smoke barrel DB-11 - see figure 116, DA Pamphlet

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Black rubbery or oily gloves and aprons

Yellow cily overshoes

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Necessities in combat

Theoretically, it was forbidden for Soviet soldiers in combat to live off the country. They were to be provided with all necessities by their units.

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in terms of months, a unit had to receive before being considered ready for combat. He thought it took three years to train a battalion.

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all recruits received their basic training there.

12. Length of Basic Training

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basic training lasted about six weeks.

13. Unit Training in Tank Company

Unit training in a tank company was as follows:

Political - separate political lessons were held for officers, NCOs, and EM.

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Technical - training was conducted separately for all radio operators in the company. It included lessons in code, signal operations, and maintenance of signal equipment.

Signal Communication - the tank battalion had a radio officer, and all tank radio operators were subordinate to him. Radio security was strictly enforced, and special call signs that were used were given and changed by the battalion radio officer. Radio operators had to obtain permission from him before transmitting over their radio transceivers, and all radio transmissions were monitored by Ministry of Interior (MVD - Ministerstve autrennykh Del) units. Only in an emergency could radio messages be sent without prior clearance.

Driver - training was conducted separately for all tank drivers in the company. There were lessons in tank driving and mechanical details of tanks.

Weapons - training was conducted separately for all weapons NCOs and loaders in the company. This training dealt with the technical aspects of tank gunnery.

Small arms firing, sighting, close-order drill, first aid, chemical, engineer, and basic signal training was given to all men at the same time.

14. Basic Training Subjects

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Recruits received basic training in close-order drill, army regulations, political training, PT, guard duty. chemical warfare, and medical lecture.

they had M 1891 rifles, used only for manual of arms and drill, and not capable of firing.

fired no weapons during basic, two or three drills in basic bayonet positions.

Once out of basic training, recruits were trained with EM who already had one or two years of service.

B. SUMMER TRAINING AND MANEUVERS

1. On or about 15 Apr 53, the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt moved from its permanent station in BAD FREIENWALDE to the training area near TEMPLIN. The entire regiment moved, leaving behind only a company of SMG men, numbering in actual strength about 35 officers and EM (T/O strength unknown to source) to guard its installations.

school (tank training, signal training, rocket launcher training, driver's school and NCO school) units did not move there.

- 2. Of the 68th Gds Med Tk Regt, only the small arms of the SMG company and two or three trucks were left at the home station.
- 3. All POL, ammunition, clothing, food and fodder depots, repair units, weapons, tanks, SPs, armored scout cars, trucks

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m. For about three weeks after arrival in the TEMPLIN training area, EM were busy fixing up barracks, classrooms, obstacle course, and a stadium.

n. The daily training schedule in the area, Monday to Friday, was:

0500	Reveille
0500 - 0520	Physical training
0520 - 0540	Personal hygiene
0540 - 0600	Inspection
0600 - 0800	Training (political, close-order drill, PT, or tactics)
0800 - 0830	Breakfast
0830 - 1430	Training (nomenclature of tank, weapons, technical details of tank and weapons, aiming exercises, gunnery, lectures)
1430 - 1500	Dinner
1500 - 1630	Compulsory nap
1630 - 1800	Cleaning weapons
1800 - 1930	Self study (mostly political debates)
19 30 - 2000	Supper
2000 - 2130	Free time
2130 - 2155	Inspection
2200	Taps

On Saturday, the schedule was the same up to 0830. From 0830 to 1400 men stood by the tanks (or other equipment) and were inspected by the company or battalion CO. At 1400, men bathed, then ate and were free.

Sunday was free of training or inspection, except for compulsory sports. The time from 2000 to 2130, Saturday after 1400 hours, and all day Sunday was free time.

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Originally, it was envisaged to have summer training up to the end of September. On 17 Jun 53, training was still on a platoon level when an alarm was given as a result of the riots. It came at 1000 that day. By 1130 or 1200, the 68th regiment was ready to move. However, it was declared a reserve unit and therefore did not leave until 2100 that night. Meanwhile, the 82d, 16th, 17th and 35th regiments and some unidentified units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div left the training area at 1200.

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On or about 15 Jul 53, the 68th regiment left its garrison area at 0800 and arrived at the BAD FREIENWALDE railroad station half-an-hour later. It took the regiment all day (up to darkness) to load up.

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At about 2000, the train pulled out, arriving in BERLIN about 0230. After unloading there, battalion left at 0500 via its organic transportation and drove to Wuhlgarten Park in East BERLIN. The regiment lived for a month in tents in this park and ate via mess kits from field kitchens. About 16 to 18 EM slept in a tent, 6 x 6 m and placed on boards without cots or blankets. The 68th later moved into buildings formerly occupied by a German hospital and by schools.

The only complaint in the TEMPLIN training area, and also in the winter garrison was the total lack of feminine company.

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The emergency move from the summer training area was described in subpar E 4 p, above.

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C. SOVIET ARMY TRAINING MANUALS

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1. Disciplinary Manual (Distsiplinarnyy Ustav): a book of about 100 pages, with red linen cover, about 15 x 12 cm. It dealt with the conduct of the soldier.

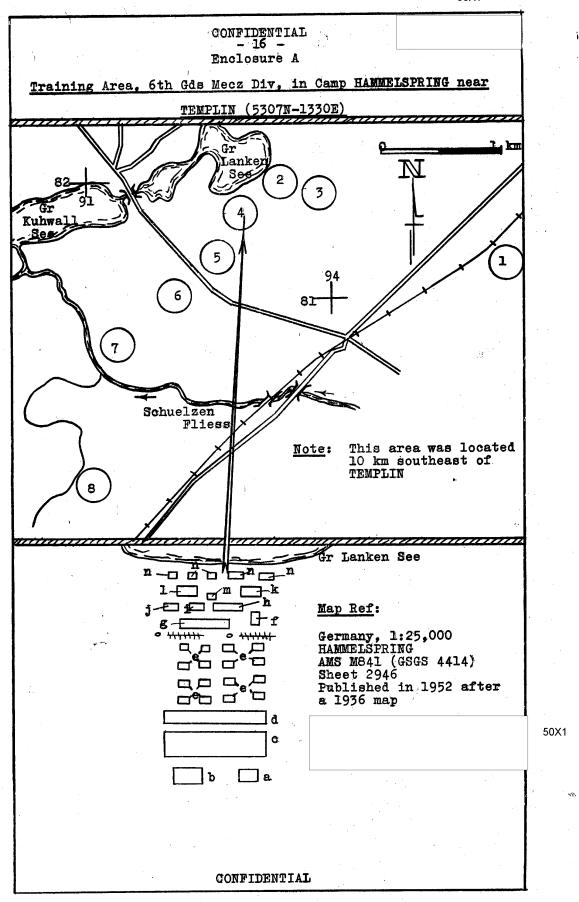
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- 2. Close-order Drill (Stroyevoy Ustav): a book of about 200 pages, with red linen cover, about 15 x 12 cm. It had pictures of manual of arms and salute positions.
- 3. Interior Service Manual (Ustav Vnutrenney Sluzhby): a book of about 250 pages, with red linen cover, about 15 x 12 cm. It dealt with training.
- 4. Guard Duty Manual (Ustav Garnisonno-Karaulnoy Sluzhby): a book of about 250 to 300 pages, type of cover forgotten by source, about 18 x 15 cm. It dealt with general and special guard duty orders.

These four books were not classified. They were kept by the first sergeant of a unit and were available to all EM for evening self-study.

The tank company CO had a special Tank Training Manual (called Uchebnik Serzhanta Tankista), which consisted of three volumes. each of about 300 pages and was about 25 x 20 cm.

In the fall of 1953, he received a technical manual on the 85-mm tank gun. This book was unclassified. It had a gray cover and about 250 pages, measured about 25 x 20 cm, and was illustrated. The subject matter in this manual dealt with sighting, monenclature, parts, and firing of the gun.



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Training Area, 6th Gds Mecz Div, in Camp HAMMELSPRING near TEMPLIN (5307N-1330E)

LEGEND

- 1. Railroad station
- 2. Area of Hq, 6th Gds Mecz Div
- 3. Area of 19th Gds Recon and Motorcycle En
- 4. Area of 68th Gds Med Tk Regt. Breakdown was as follows:
- a. POL storage: area about 50 x 50 m, fenced off with a 21-m barbed wire fence and guarded 24 hours by a sentry. Contained unknown number of underground tanks, earth bunkers, and pumps. Level of POL supply unknown.
- b. Ammunition storage: area about 100 x 50 m, fenced off with a 2½-m barbed wire fence and guarded 24 hours by a sentry. Had one or two wooden sheds filled with unidentified ammunition. There also were some artillery ammo boxes stacked in the open and covered with canvas. Level of ammo unknown; believed to be small arms and artillery ammo.
- c. Vehicle parking area: about 400 x 200 m, fenced off by a 25-m fence and guarded 24 hours by two sentries. About 44 T-34/85 tanks and 20 to 22 152-mm SP guns were stored there on wooden floor boards and protected by side walls and a canvas cover. An unknown number of wehicles were stored there on blocks.
- d. Sports area: about 400 x 100 m, used as obstacle course, outdoor gymnasium, and football field.
- e. Em billets and classrooms: about 16 1-story wooden bldgs, 30 x 8 m. Twelve of them were occupied by Em; four were used as classrooms. Total occupancy, about 700 Em of 68th Gds Med Tk Regt and about 100 to 150 Em of engineer and service units, 6th Gds Mecz Div. Capacity of each building, 80 to 100 Em; actual occupancy, about 70 Em.

The billet buildings had no cots or beds - RM simply laid mattresses on the floor. Above these mattresses was a second tier, made of wooden boards, on which FM spread mattresses and slept. The mattresses were in the center of the buildings, which had three-meter aisles at each end and 1-1/4-meter-long aisles on both sides of the bunks. Buildings had no toilet or washing facilities; location of latrine and washstands are shown as items fand o on the sketch.

The first row of buildings to the north was occupied by the first companies of the two tank battalions, SP battalion, SMG battalion, and service units. The second row was occupied by the second companies of the above-mentioned battalions and by supply units. The third row was occupied by the third

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ecompanies of the SP and SMG battaliens and by service units, 6th Gds Mecz Div. Fourth row was used for such purposes as class and lecture rooms and for political meetings. These buildings were called the "LENIN rooms" (REFINELIE Rosnety).

- . 1. Officer and EM latrines
 - g. Regimental Hq: 1-story wooden bldg, size unk.
- h, Em club: 1-story bldg, size unk. Partly in a building, with the other part consisting of a platform with walls and a canvas cover.
 - 1. Officer's mess: 1-story wooden bldg, about 40 x 10 m.
- j. EN messhall and PX: 1-story wooden bldg, about 40 x
- about 30 x 10 m. Guarded at night by a sentry.
- 1. Food and fodder storage: 1-story wooden bldg, about 30 x 10 m. Guarded at night by a sentry.
- m, Bath house: 1-story wooden bldg, about 10 x 10 m, used for weekly baths.
- n. Officer's billets: located right on the lake. De-
- e. Washstands: accommodated 50 men on each side, 200 men at a time. All installations besides the POD, amounition, and parking areas were not fenced-in. El could move freely from one regimental area to another during off-duty time. Source believed all other regiments had about the same installations as the 68th 6ds Red Tr Regt.
- 5. Area of 82d Gds Hv Tk Regt
- 6. Area of 35th Gds Meoz Regt
- 7. Area of 17th Gds Meoz Regt
- 8. Area of 16th Gds Necz Regt

